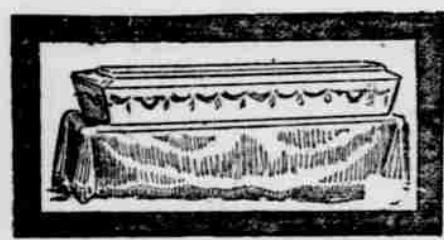


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### THE PLUMBERS ASSOCIATION.

Address a Letter to the Ordinance Committee of the City Council.

Office of the Association of Master Plumbers,  
El Paso, Tex., Oct. 29, 1897.  
To W. M. Caldwell, Ed. C. Scott, A. M. Robinson, Ordinance Committee, City of El Paso:

Gentlemen:—Noticing in this morning's Times an item headed, "Of Interest to Plumbers," in which the records or transactions of last night's meeting of the city council were given, and in which it is noted that Alderman Caldwell is a member of the Plumbers Association, which is alluded to as the "alleged combine," and showing that your committee recommended and the council unanimously passed a resolution that an ordinance be passed relative to plumbers' licenses, and who should be eligible to receive such license, we beg leave to herewith present a few facts with a view of showing that the Association of Master Plumbers, which covers the whole of the United States and Canada, (with similar associations in England and Australia) is not what seems to be the general impression in your honorable body, a trust or combine, and take this opportunity of setting you right on this point by inclosing herewith a copy of tonight's HERALD, reprinting a letter which I sent to the City Attorney, Judge Kemp, setting forth the aims and objects of the association, which is the securing of perfect sanitation as far as possible in plumbing work and thereby decreasing as much as possible the death rate throughout the whole country. With that end in view, the association enjoins upon every member the importance of working to secure the passing of ordinances and laws that compel reliable and perfect sanitation. This is the aim of the association, and the association is responsible for the enactment of the plumbing law in the State of Texas, and as an association is exceedingly pleased of its achievement in this respect, and if you will read carefully the provisions of the law and its requirements, I am sure you will agree with us that, if carried out properly, there will be a much higher grade of sanitation in the future than has been obtained in the past. In fact, where there is no state law or city ordinance covering this subject, the members of the association are requested to draft a proper set of rules, such as should appear in any correct ordinance, covering the subject, and live up to them, according to any but perfect sanitary work, and thus do what they can to assist in keeping the death rate as low as possible. I noted in a late El Paso newspaper item that the plumbing law was the "laughing stock of the whole country." There must be some error about this, as it is conceded that the last legislature, which body passed the law, was composed of Texas citizens who, taken as a whole, had no equal in the history of the state, and although not informed of the aims and objects of the association, they were more than able representative sent from El Paso to that body, cast his vote in the affirmative. Mr. Ed. Braden, the very able secretary of the association and also president of the Southern League of Master Plumbers was the prime mover in having the subject presented to the legislature, and to him is due great credit for the accomplishment of this, the first step in the history of the association, which is the securing of perfect sanitation in the whole country, while the matter is now before the proper bodies in several other states, with excellent prospects of passing.

In this connection I would state that there lies before me a letter from Secretary Braden in which (while referring to the subject of city ordinances covering plumbing business) he advises that his firm made more money before the passage in a city of such an ordinance than they do now, as they were forced by the competition they were compelled to meet to slight the work in every way possible. Now that they have an ordinance and a strict inspector, every body is on an equal footing and perfect sanitary work is all that will pass, and as a consequence better work is done and the competition among bidders is just as keen as before as there is no unlawful combination existing among the association members.

There is a certain large building under construction in this city where an association member's bid was beaten by parties not in the association in the amount of \$200 because the association member based his bid on the provisions of the present ordinance while the other did not, and as put in pipe not in accordance with the ordinance, and as a consequence the work is a menace to public health and should not be allowed to remain as it now is. The plumbing inspector could be made and would undoubtedly be a very valuable adjunct to the board of health, as he would be more apt to come in contact with nuisances against the general health of the city than any other member, who would as a rule know only of such nuisances through his attention being drawn to the matter by second parties.

The National Association of Master Plumbers is organized for sanitary, commercial and social purposes, and has for its special object the advancement of the trade in all the latest discoveries of science appertaining to sanitation, to promote and combine intelligence and influence of its members, to encourage inventions and improvements in sanitary appliances, fostering an interchange of thought and eliciting and communicating for the benefit of each member the best talent and result of the experience and ability of all, to promote amicable relations with employees on the basis of mutual interest and equitable justice to both journeymen and Master Plumber, to encourage national and state legislation for the furtherance of the interest of sanitary laws, to secure equitable treatment in dealings with manufacturers and dealers in supplies, to regulate the system of apprenticeship and employment, so as to prevent as far as practicable the evils growing out of deficient training in the responsible duties of soliciting, arranging, and fitting up of material relating to hydraulic and sanitary condition of dwellings, public and private institutions, to create and maintain a sanitary code as high a standard as the progress of the science (chemical, physical and mechanical knowledge) teaches.

One of the purposes of the association is to prevent occurrences such as actually came to pass only a few days ago, in the house where one of the members of your committee resides, in which improper sanitary work was done, and which obnoxious until a member of the so-called trust was called upon and convinced that the evil, which had already filled the house with sewer gas and the odor with several inches of water, and when the latter plumber went to make the repairs, his light ignited the sewer gas and it burst into a flame, and had the water not come into evidence there is no doubt the whole family in that house would have soon been taken down with some zymotic disease, the cause of which they could not determine, and which would obtain in that house so long as the conditions as described existed.

We refer now to the latter part of the resolution as introduced in the council, wherein, "Every applicant for work done in the city shall be accompanied by an affidavit that he is not a member of or connected with an association other than a membership of Master Plumbers or persons dealing in plumbing material, and that he is not an applicant shall not be required when the applicant files with his application a copy of the charter, articles of association and by-laws of any such association, which may belong to or be connected with."

So far as this goes, I cannot see that there is anything in the by-laws or constitution of the association of Master Plumbers of which they need be afraid, as the association is a body of men, and if they could be constitutionally required to do so, but as to the charter we have no copy and I presume it is filed with the secretary of the state, and it would, perhaps, be putting a hardship on a plumber, applying for a license under the provisions of your body's resolution, if compelled to produce such a document. Their agents, the resolution does not specially refer to the plumbers association, and as the members of the association belong to the various other fraternal and secret or semi-secret organizations, it would be practically impossible for any one to secure a license under the conditions of the resolution because no doubt the governing bodies would refuse to send them a copy of their charter for this purpose.

We of the association have no doubt that you gentlemen are actuated by the very best motives, but we trust you will recognize the fact that there are two sides to any question, and give us credit for any good points found on our side.

When it comes to the assertion that the association has for its objects the crushing of the public, etc., it is wrong. Each and every member of the association in this city are prepared to make affidavit that a member of a firm (not a member of the association) doing plumbing work in direct contravention to the present ordinance governing, approached them (previous to the forming of a local association) and openly proposed and advocated a combination to raise prices. This proposition was indignantly rejected by each and every one of the firm, and as a consequence the work is a menace to public health and should not be allowed to remain as it now is. The plumbing inspector could be made and would undoubtedly be a very valuable adjunct to the board of health, as he would be more apt to come in contact with nuisances against the general health of the city than any other member, who would as a rule know only of such nuisances through his attention being drawn to the matter by second parties.

The aims and objects of the association are for the public's good, and there is no doubt, whatever, and where our association is now looked upon as a menace, it will be welcomed heartily by each and every citizen, when it is better understood, which education will be the earnest desire of the association.

Take the liberty of enclosing a copy of the above resolution, and in order to give the above assertion, beg leave to call your attention to the fact that if properly carried out the position of chief plumbing inspector will be raised some way above of politics, and be put in the hands of a competent man, as he must necessarily be a Master Plumber of not less than ten years active continuous business experience, and his assistant shall be a journeyman plumber of not less than five years active continuous practical experience. With these two men doing their duty, the work would be no fostering upon the public any unsanitary work, and consequent liability of zymotic disease through such imperfect work.

The writer would be more than pleased to meet your committee either individually or collectively with a view of still further setting forth the objects and aims of our association, and reassuring you that our association is not as black as it has been painted.

Trusting that I have relieved your minds of the idea of the association being inimical to the public interests and that I have not taken much of your valuable time, I remain,  
Yours respectfully,  
FRED WILK, Secretary.

**The Plea of the Indian**  
Imagine yourself in the midst of half a dozen youths and maidens on the verge of manhood and womanhood, endowed with a high degree of natural intellect and physical ability, and seeing them "totally destitute of educational advantages and a knowledge of mechanical arts." That is what I saw. Some of the youths are not only ignorant of some distant Indian school? The answer, as I learned, is that these untutored children are held even more dear to the hearts of their parents than most children of the whites, and it is almost one of their greatest blessings to have their offspring where they can at all times be in communion with them. While they are desirous of having their boys and girls secure an education, they earnestly oppose having them so far from their lonely firesides as to be unable to occasionally see their faces.

During our conversation, White Bull said, "I am a poor man. I am willing to work and earn something; but there is no work here for me. I want to be and act like the white man. I want my children to learn to read and write, and to be like the white children; but we have no boarding-school. There is but one day-school on the entire reservation. What can we do? Our agent can only give us what the G. A. T. P. sends to him, and that is but little. Why can't our friends in the east ask the Great Father to help us? I could tell you many things of how badly we are treated, but they would not help us. All I want for my people is that you get what is due us."—Godey's Magazine.

**Opportunities**  
In one of the Greek cities there stood, long ago, a statue. Every trace of it has vanished now, but there is still in existence an epigram which gives us an excellent description of it, and as we read the words we can guess the reason which those old Greeks must have had for erecting it. The epigram is in the form of a conversation between a traveler and the statue.

"What is thy name, O statue?"  
"I am called opportunity."  
"Who made thee?"  
"Lysipus."  
"Why art thou standing on thy toes?"  
"To show that I stay but a moment."  
"Why hast wings on thy feet?"  
"To show how quickly I pass by."  
"But why is thy hair so long on thy forehead?"  
"That men may seize me when they meet me."  
"Why, then, is thy head so bald behind?"  
"To show that when I have once passed, I cannot be caught."

### TO CATCH THIEVES.

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Several of the most prominent thief catchers of the country, comprising the board of governors of the National Association of Chiefs of Police, met at Chicago recently and formally organized the central bureau of identification of criminals, with headquarters in Chicago. The new bureau will be under the control of the National Association of Police and expenses of maintaining it will be divided between the different bureaus which have been established. The officers of the various police departments will be supplied with photographs and descriptions of well known criminals. The establishment of the bureau marks a new era in criminal affairs. A bureau of this character has been desired by police authorities for years, but not until recently was any serious attempt made to form one. A description of the Bertillon system of measurement of criminals arrested and treated in the United States and Canada will be sent to the Chicago bureau for distribution from here. Those present at the meeting were Chief Kipley, Chicago; Chief Janssen, Milwaukee; Chief Dietrich, Cincinnati; Maj. R. Moore, Washington; Inspector Stark, Toronto; William A. Pinkerton, Chief McKelvey, Brooklyn, and Chief O'Mara, Pittsburgh.

**Newspapers in Schools.**  
The Kansas City superintendent of education has, by the adoption of newspapers as text books in the public schools over which he presides, introduced a novel plan for educating the young idea how to shoot. It is not to be assumed, of course, that he will permit the promiscuous use of journals to test the value or utility of the information, but by the exercise of wise discrimination in his selections he expects and hopes to prove that the moral and intellectual training of advanced youth will be given, through the agency he so warmly espouses, a practical impetus which no other study can impart.

For several years past many of the teachers of the more advanced grades in the Washington public schools have encouraged their pupils to discuss the topics of the day which are touched on by the daily and weekly press, and it is said the experiment has been very satisfactory, but Kansas City is the first great center of population in the United States that has boldly introduced newspapers as regular text books, and the whole country will watch with interest the outcome of the novelty.

**America a Sea-Power.**  
In the isthmus the United States has asserted a special interest. In the present she can maintain her claim, and in the future perform her duty, only by the creation of that sea power upon which predominance in the Caribbean must ever depend. In short, as the internal jealousies of Europe, and the purely democratic institution of the live-on-masse—the general enforcement of military training—have prepared the way for great national armies, whose mission seems yet obscure, so the gradual concentration and tightening hold upon the sentiment of American democracy of that conviction, loosely characterized as the Monroe doctrine, finds its logical, inevitable outcome in a general sea power, the correlative, in connection with that of Great Britain, of those armies which continue to flourish under the most popular institutions, despite the walls of economists and the lamentations of those who wish peace without paying the one price which alone has ever ensured peace—readiness for war.—Harper's Magazine.

**Halloween Devilry Cost \$30,000.**  
Boys celebrating Halloween at Fort Branch, Indiana, started a fire which destroyed Odd Fellows' hall the Fort Branch Times office, six business houses and several dwellings, including the chief business dwellings of the town. Total loss \$30,000. In the course of the fire 30 pounds of dynamite exploded in Wolter's hardware store, causing much damage to surrounding property.

A City of Mexico special says: "A decree has been issued that hereafter, in making the amount of cash in the banks, only gold and silver coin and gold and silver in bars should be taken in account, and not bank notes, as the banking circulation is merely representative of value. The gold and silver bars on hand shall be silver currency, according to the rate of exchange on the day the investigation is made. This conservative measure is designed to protect the public interests."

The steamship Milwaukee sailed recently for Liverpool from New Orleans with the largest cargo of cotton, and not the largest general cargo, ever floated. It consisted of 23,850 bales of cotton, 30,200 bushels of grain 28,818 pieces of staves, 2300 cases, her entire cargo being equal to 26,000 bales of cotton. It would take 500 freight cars to carry her cargo and the train would measure three and a quarter miles in length.

A Chicago woman discovered her baby's first tooth; faintly away and remained unconscious for three hours. In the meantime some old women rushed in, and thinking the baby had swallowed something, procured a stomach pump and came near pumping its soul out. That baby will doubtless be careful about springing its next tooth on its excitable mother.

The Kiowa supreme court is trying fifteen members of the tribe for indulging in a ghost dance out of the proper season, and the 400 everywhere are told by dancing masters that society's favorite waltz must go. The rare spectacle is presented of a league between the culture of the east and the untutored red man of the west to create a revolution.

A letter addressed to "D. Nicholson, H-1, Arizona," was promptly sent by the postal authorities to Phoenix, and reached its proper destination.—Phoenix Tribune.

George M. Pullman's estate shrinks in the will to \$7,000,000 or about one-tenth of the sum it had been lately credited with.

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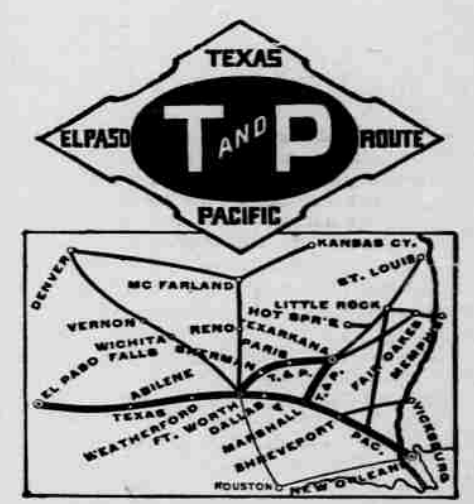
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T. E. HUNT, Commercial Agent.  
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